

**Mike Mackey**  
**Division 1 Candidate**



As a longtime modeler, I procrastinated joining the NMRA until 2013, then quickly found out what I'd been missing. Since then, I've grown to know how important this organization is to cultivating the hobby and helping modelers grow to their highest potential. The relationships that I've made, and the opportunities that I have been afforded through my membership have truly enriched my life, and for that I'm sincerely grateful.

Based on that, I have embedded myself into this organization as thoroughly and quickly as I could. I've served on multiple committees for the 2013 LSR convention and, as Larry Swigert's assistant, set a new high level mark for revenues from the raffle during the convention. I have also filled additional roles, as needed on both the 2014 and 2015 conventions, as well. I was offered and accepted the responsibility of serving as co-chairman for the 2016 convention. With the completion of that event recently, I can honestly say that I haven't talked to anyone that didn't have a fantastic time at the convention.

Additionally, I have served as regional membership co-chair with Larry Swigert. While Larry carries most of the load in a position that is his passion, I've enjoyed helping and assisting with membership drives and recruiting seminars at events around the region.

I very much enjoy modeling competitions and have been fortunate enough to merit on multiple occasions. Those merit awards have allowed me complete my MMR certification (#573). I am working actively to receive all 11 of the certificates.

It is my desire to serve our division even more, and for that reason, I would like to request your vote toward becoming the Director for Division 1. Opportunities exist within this division to follow the lead of other divisions; I seek to strengthen our division and serve the membership to a higher level. Beginning with monthly meetings and a more robust program schedule, along with hands-on clinics to teach members the skills that they want most to learn, my vision is a division that will grow in increase membership and offer more activities during the next term, and I hope to set a course for continued growth and success for years into the future and include others in key roles in our division.

Serving as a leader in other organizations, I have consistently assisted achieving set goals. My resume' includes: being an Eagle Scout, President of the Palestine Jaycees, President of the DFW Marine Aquarium Society, Master Model Railroader, Region Membership Co-Chair, 2016 Convention Chair and serving on the board of directors of three different model railroad clubs. With your vote, I welcome the opportunity to serve this division, providing strong leadership to the membership during the next term of office.